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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR A  
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a request for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR 1.53(d). Prior to further examination of the above-referenced application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In the September 13, 2002 Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the August 23, 2002 Amendment is non-compliant because there is no clean copy of the claims. A clean copy of the claims corresponding to the amendments of Applicants August 23, 2002 Amendment is set forth below, along with a marked-up version of the changes as made to the claims in the August 23, 2002 Amendment set forth in the attached page captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".